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FOR STOPPING OPERATION OF FUEL CELL SYSTEM

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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4. A Computer-generated English translation of Japanese Patent Publication JP 2000-021431 has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([http://www.jpo.go.jp]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy.

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